

December 18, 2005



Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capital Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I am writing in support of your United Nations World Environmental Day pledge last June to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the coming decades. Your strongly voiced objective to realize emission levels in California at 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 is a very positive stance in helping to curb global warming and to preserve clean air for the future.

As a ski resort operating in California and a member of the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA), Kirkwood Mountain Resort is actively involved in a program to raise awareness levels about global warming for our guests. The Keep Winter Cool program was started by the NSAA and includes recommendations to skiers and riders for curtailing greenhouse gas emissions by altering their own activities at home and while traveling to the mountains for recreation.

During my 32 years at Kirkwood, I cannot recall witnessing the number of rain days during an entire season that we have seen since November 25 this season. This local phenomenon seems to lend credence to global warming. Cooler temperatures equal lower snow levels and a better quality ski experience for our guests.

I trust that with your leadership, California can formulate a plan that demonstrates comprehensive analysis, a thorough public process and outlines attainable goals within specific timeframes.

I know the California ski industry is behind your efforts to curb global warming and you certainly have our support.

Sincerely,

Dave Myers  
Director  
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